

## **LJRA Minutes for September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2016**

**Meeting held at the Edgewater Inn at 7 pm, Attendees: 22 with several new members**

-Meeting was devoted to a power-point presentation by Mike Grimm, President/CEO of American Eagle Paper Co., Tyrone.

-Mike was introduced by LJRA President Bill Anderson who had previously met with him to discuss effects of paper mill water usage in the Little J watershed.

- Highlights of Mike's presentation:

Summary of AEP history:

1. Mill started operation in Tyrone in 1880 as a pulp mill. It converted to producing recycled paper only in 2003 after being closed down for 3 years.
2. Mike Grimm became CO in 2013 and instituted new management direction and restructuring of operations.

3. A just completed major capital investment of \$8 million included the replacement of an ancient coal fired steam turbine with a new, more efficient, gas fired unit. A one third reduction of water consumption resulted.
4. The discharge of hot water via nozzles into Bald Eagle Creek has ceased as of July 10<sup>th</sup>. 2016!
5. Water consumption from Hundred Springs has been reduced by 500,000 gallons per day.
6. Water consumption from the Bonsell Spring has currently ceased. It will be used for emergencies only in the future. This is a large spring that will now provide substantial additional cold water to the river upstream from Tyrone.

### **Conclusions and future direction:**

1. The mill expects continued reductions in water usage as further management actions are taken. Thus providing more cold water for our trout.
2. Mike expressed his willingness to cooperate with LJRA regarding the fishery and the possible creation of a means for fish passage, the creation

of a bottom release for the dam and the further reduction in water consumption.

3. LJRA is pleased to publically praise American Eagle for its environmentally sensitive approach to paper production.
4. LJRA will take steps to have the effects of the paper mill dam and water usage on the fishery evaluated.
5. Juniata College, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and LJRA are conducting a Little Bald Eagle watershed study this fall. The result will be a plan for the entire watershed.

We are very excited about the prospect for cooperation with Mike Grimm and the American Eagle Paper company! Mike has invited the LJRA Directors to tour the paper mill facilities in the near future.

**Minutes by Bill Bressler and Bill Anderson**